

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yoshinari SHIRATA et al.  
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Title of Invention: PICTURE QUALITY ADJUSTMENT METHOD AND  
PICTURE QUALITY ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 7 as follow:

7. (Amended) A video outputting apparatus, comprising a picture quality adjustment apparatus according to claim 4 as a video processing section.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Claim 7 has been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claim 7 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In the claims:**

7. (Amended) A video outputting apparatus, comprising a picture quality adjustment apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ or a picture quality adjustment apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 as a video processing section.